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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004, Applicant hereby submits this Response and Amendment. A shortened statutory period for response of three months was set. With this Response and Amendment, Applicant has submitted a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a three-month extension of the due date to June 29, 2005 and payment of the required fee.

Please enter the amendment as set forth below. Applicant has included a complete listing of all the claims indicating the status of each of the claims.